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AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enter into partnership with the private sector to strengthen agricultural infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Government has proposed to enter into partnership with the private sector to strengthen agricultural infrastructure. Partnership with private sector is also encouraged to strengthen Agriculture Extension. The areas identified for partnership with private sector include Agriculture Marketing and Horticulture. In addition, under the Scheme of Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed, private companies, individual entrepreneurs, self help groups etc. are also given credit-linked back ended capital subsidy. So far an amount of Rs.7 crore has been sanctioned to the National Seeds Corporation under this component.